

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Richard A. SEAL

For: Bi-Directional Spreader/Grader With Pivoting Moldboard

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY BY APPLICANT**

1. Participants: Nathan S. Mammen, Ronald J. Ventola II
2. Date of Interview: 21 April 2003
3. Type of Interview: Telephonic
4. Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: No
5. Claim Dismissed: 1
6. Prior Art Discussed: Holub (U.S. Patent 4,044,083)
7. Agreements Reached: None
8. Substance of Interview

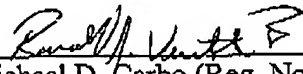
Applicant (through his attorney) and Examiner discussed application of Holub '843 to applicant's claims and disclosure. Applicant indicated that the absence of

a hydraulic cylinder in applicant's invention was a distinction between Holub '843 and applicant's invention. Applicant also indicated that absence of a hydraulic cylinder in applicant's invention gives rise to a desirable operating characteristic: the operator does not have to manipulate or control the hydraulic cylinder.

The Examiner indicated that the existence of this distinction would have to be verified. The Examiner further indicated that this distinction, if verified, would require a further obviousness analysis in view of Holub and might require a further search.

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